THE
Baker and Brewers
Warning-Piece.

Or, Excellent

ORDERS

To be obſerved, by ſuch as ſhall be appointed to ſerve the Markets with Corn, Meal, and other Grain, for relief of the poor people.

The Officers appointed to be preſent in the Market, to ſee poor Citizens, Tradeſmen, and others, releived upon reaſonable prices: The admirable Edict made againſt Ingroſſers; and a moſt *Chriſtian* Order touching *Bakers* and *Brewers*, for the performing of their due Weight and Meaſure; with penalties to be inflicted upon unlawful exactions.

As alſo,

A Rule and Precept for the Miniſters and Magiſtrates, to be obſerved in their ſeveral Pariſhes, concerning *Taverns*, *Inns*, and *Ale-Houſes*.

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The Officers appointed to be present in the Market, [illegible] Cinq ds Francs [illegible] and others [illegible] reasonable prices; [illegible] to [illegible] Proprietors; and [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]; with penal [illegible] unlawful exactions.

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[illegible] the Ministers and Magistrates [illegible] in their several Parishes, [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible].

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THE BAKERS Warning-piece, &c.

AMongſt the reſt of the good Orders for relief of the Poor, and the abating of the Price of Corn, and all other ſorts of Grain, theſe following are very obſervable, deriving from former preſidents in the glorious Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, of ever bleſſed memory; occaſioned by a great Dearth and ſcarcity of Corn, to wit.

Malt-makers, Bakers, and Brewers.

Item, What number of Malt-makers, Bakers, common Brewers, or Tiplers, dwell within the ſaid Pariſh, and who they are by Name, and how long they have uſed that Trade, and how much they bake or brew in the Week, and what Trade they have whereby otherwiſe to live.

Indeed there hath been too much deceit of late years uſed by many through their falſe VVeights and Meaſures, and ſome there are to this day that perſevere therein; the Baker making his Bread too light, others pinching of their Meaſure; ſo that the poor are almoſt ſtarved, having not monies to buy ſuch ſmall Morſels at ſo dear a rate: But let ſuch Oppreſſors know, That the Lord will puniſh them for their

oppreſſion, and avenge himſelf on him that by fraud doth injure any one; for the holy Scripture makes it evident, [*That the LORD did ſo abhor oppreſſion and cruelty, as that he revenged the Blood of that Man, that did eat the Fleſh of Beaſts with the blood thereof*, Deut. 2. 23.] Nay, that man that oppreſſeth the Poor to enrich himſelf, ſhall himſelf come to poverty, *Jer.* 22. 13. And he that oppreſſeth another, by refuſing to hear his cry, the Lord will not hear him; and he that doth evil to any one it ſhall be his deſtruction; for great have been the inconveniencies and miſchiefs that have flowed from cruelties and oppreſſions; as in the caſe of *Rehoboam* King of *Iſrael*, *Dionyſius*, and *Henry* King of *Swecia*, who loſt himſelf upon his intollerable exactions on the people, and thoſe that adviſed him to his unmerciful cruelties, loſt their lives in their labours, and were ſtoned to Death by the multitude.

Let this therefore ſerve as a Warning-piece to all Oppreſſors; and for ſuch as have Riches ſet not your heart upon them, but releive the Poor, cloath the Naked, and oppreſs not the Widow or Fatherleſs; but follow the counſel of holy *Daniel*, *Dan.* 2. 27. Break off that ſin by repentance unto God, by mercy to the poor, and with *Zacheus*, by reſtitution to wronged, oppreſſed, and injured men, *Luke* 19. *For woe to ſuch, who by falſe Weights and Meaſures get Riches into themſelves*, Amos 8. 8. It being expreſly held forth in Scripture, *That ſuch things are an abomination to the LORD*, Prov. 11. 1 and 20. 10. But to deſcend to ſome particular Orders, offered from former precedents, theſe may ſerve as a directline to guide us by in ſad times, *viz.*

Orders to be obſerved by ſuch as ſhall be appointed to ſerve the Markets with Corn, for the relief of the poor people firſt.

You ſhall bring, or cauſe to be brought, weekly ſo many Quarters or Buſhels of Corn, as Wheat, Rye, Barley, Malt, Peaſe, Beans, or other Grain, or ſo much thereof as ſhall not be directly ſold to the poor Artificers or Day-labourers of the Pariſh within which you dwell, or two of them there to be by you, or at your aſſignment ſold in open Market by half Quarters, two Buſhels, one Buſhel, or leſs, as the buyer

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ſhall require of you, and not in greater quantity except it be to a Badger, or carrier of Corn, admitted according to the Statute, or to a common known Brewer or Baker, having teſtimony under the Hand and Seal of two ſuch Juſtices of the Peace at the leaſt of the Diviſion, or of a Mayor, or other head Officer of the City, Town, or Borough Corporate where he dwelleth, that he is a common Brewer or Baker within the ſame; or to ſuch other perſon as ſhall make proviſion for any Lord Spiritual or Temporal, Kt. or any other Gentleman that hath no proviſion of Corn; ſo as the ſame perſon have, and ſhew unto ſuch perſons as ſhall have the overſight of the Market in that behalf, teſtimony under the Hand and Seal of the party for whom he cometh to the Market to make that proviſion; declaring, *That it is for the proviſion of his Houſe, and containing the quantities and kinde of Grain to be provided; and you ſhall not willingly leave any part of your Corn ſo brought to that Market unſold, if Money be offered to you for the ſame, by any that are permitted to buy the ſame, after the full price of the Market there that day, as long as the Market ſhall laſt.*

No Corn brought to the Market unſold, to be carried out of the Town.

Neither ſhall you from the beginning of the Market to the full end thereof, keep, or cauſe to be kept, any of your ſaid Corn out of the ſight of the open Market; neither ſhall you carry away from the Market Town any kinde of Grain that was brought thither which you have not there ſold, but you ſhall leave the ſame there in the Market, in a known place, ſo that it may be expoſed to publick ſale the next day after: Nevertheleſs you ſhall bring to the Market ſuch other quantity of Grain as ſhall be limited, and ſo continue at every Market day the bringing into the open Market the quantity of Corn that ſhall be limitted.

No Corn to be bought for to ſell again.

Ye ſhall buy no Corn to ſell it again, neither ſhall you buy any colour directly or indirectly, appoint any your Servants, or any other perſon to be a Badger of your Corn, otherwiſe then to carry it to the Market, there to be ſold as your own, without changing of any property.

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No Corn to be bought but in open Market.

Ye shall neither buy or sell any manner of Corn, but in the open Market, unless the same be to some Handi-craftsmen, or Day-labourers within the Parish wherein you do dwell, that cannot conveniently come to the Market Towns, by reason of distance of place, according to such direction as shall be given unto you in that behalf by us the Justices of the Peace of that Division within which you do dwell, or two of us, and to none of these above one Bushel at a time, and thereof you shall keep, or cause to be kept a particular Note in Writing, to whom you shall so sell Weekly, and at what prices, so as the same may appear to the Justices to be done without fraud or abuse.

Inquiry to be made against Engrossers.

That the Justices of the Peace within their several divisions have regard that Engrossers of Corn be carefully looked unto, and inquisitions to be made for knowledge of them, so as they may be severely punished according to the Law; and where such are found, to make Certificates, their Names and Dwellings, and of the proofs to the Kings Majesties Atturnal General for the time being, who is directed speedily to inform against them for the same, and to see that none be permitted to buy any Corn to sell again, but by special Licence, and that of all manner of Licences by Justices of the Peace, or by any other Authority, the parties that shall have such Licences, shall cause an entry to be made in the Books of the Peace, remaining with the *Custos Rotulorum*, or the Clerk of the Peace; for entry whereof the party shall not pay above Two pence, and thereof the *Custos Rotulorum*, or the Clerk, shall keep a good Register to be shewed to the Justices, whensoever they shall require the sight thereof.

Regard to the Bakers, for keeping the size of Bread.

That they take order with the common Bakers, for the baking of Rye, Barley, Pease, and Beans, for the use of the poor,

poor, and that they appoint ſpecial and fit perſons diligently to ſee the people well dealt withal by the common Bakers and Brewers in all Towns and places, in their Weights and Aſſizes, having alſo regard that the Deputies of the Clerk of the Market do not abuſe themſelves in unlawful exactions for Weight and Meaſure, and effectually to enquire for and ſearch out the default therein, and thereupon to give order for puniſhment of the Offendor ſeverely, according to the Law, and where any notable exceſſive offence ſhall be in the Bakers, to cauſe the Bread to be ſold to the poorer ſort under the ordinary price, as in part of puniſhment of the Baker.

Some Juſtices to be preſent in the Market, to ſee the poor relieved upon reaſonable prices.

That the ſaid Juſtices, or two, or one of them, at the leaſt in every Diviſion, ſhall be perſonally preſent at every Market within their ſeveral Diviſions, during the whole time of the Market, to ſee the orders to be taken by the Authority hereof to be well obſerved, and the poor people provided of neceſſary Corn, and that with as much favour in the price, as by the earneſt perſwaſions of the Juſtices can be obtained. By this it is not meant to charge any Lord of Parliament being a Juſtice of Peace, to attend upon any ſuch ſervice in any Market, otherwiſe then it ſhall be with his own good will; but in all other cauſes tending to the execution of theſe orders, it is hoped that every perſon of any eſtate, will readily give advice and aſſiſtance.

That Miniſters and Preachers exhort the Rich ſort to be liberal to help the Poor with Money or Victual, if needful.

That all good means and perſwaſions be uſed by the Juſtices in their ſeveral Diviſions, and by admonitions and exhortations at Sermons in the Churches, by the Preachers and Miniſters of the Word, that the poor may be ſerved of Corn at convenient and charitable prices: And to the furtherance

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exercise thereof, that the Richer sort be earnestly moved by Christian charity, to cause their Grain to be sold under the common prices of the Market to the poorer sort. A deed of mercy, that will be doubtless rewarded of Almighty God. That there be no buying or bargaining of any kind of Corn, but in open Markets, and that the Justices in their several Divisions, restrain common Maltsters from making Barley Malt, in those Countries and places where there be Oats sufficient to make Malt of for the use of the people, and to restrain as well the brewing of Barley Malt, by or for Ale houses, or common Tiplers in those places and Countries, as also the excess use of any kind of Malt, by all common Brewers, Malsters, or common Tiplers, according to the true meaning of this Article; and that the unnessary number of Alehouses and common Tiplers, be forthwith suppresst in all places, and that direction be given to all Taverns, Alehouses, and Tipling houses, not to suffer any persons to repair thither, to eat and drink at unseasonable times, or to continue in such houses longer then to satisfie their necessity of eating and drinking.

That no Millers are suffered to become buyers of Corn, nor to sell Meal; but to attend to the true grinding of the Corn brought, and use measurable Toll these dear seasons.

Where in some parts of the Realm, divers Millers, who ought onely to serve for grinding of Corn that shall be brought to their Mills, have began lately a very corrupt Trade, to be common buyers of Corn, both in Markets and out of Markets, and the same do grinde into Meal, and do use as Badgers, or otherwise, to sell the same at Markets, and in other places, seeking thereby an inordinate gain, besides the misusing of other mens Corn brought thither to be ground, by delay of grinding, or what worse is, by changing and altering their good Corn to bad; it is therefore thought necessary, that the Justices of the Peace who are not owners by any Title of any Mills, nor Masters or Landlords to any Millers, shall inhibit them upon pain of imprisonment, to use any such Trade of buying any Grain, to be sold either in Corn or Meal.

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